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SUBJECT: HONG KONG LANDING CLEARANCE FOR PRIVATE
FLIGHTS

REF: AIP HONG KONG, FAL SECTION

1. AIRCRAFT OWNERS AND PILOT ASSOCIATION IS EXPERIENCING
DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING PRIOR PERMISSION FOR TWO FLIGHTS
INTO HONG KONG; (1) A GRUMMAN GULFSTREAM II, N4290X,
OPERATED BY THE DANA CORPORATION, WHICH DESIRES TO LAND
AT 0930Z MAY 17 AND DEPART 1030Z MAY 17; (2) A GULFSTREAM
II FLIGHT, SAME AIRCRAFT, WHICH DESIRES TO LAND AT
0230Z MAY 18 AND DEPART 0100Z MAY 21.

2. REPEATED REQUESTS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THESE
FLIGHTS FROM THE HONG KONG DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION
(DCA) SUGGESTS THAT NON-SCHEDULED COMMERCIAL CRITERIA
CONTAINED IN HONG KONG AERONAUTICAL INFORMATION PUBLICATION
FACILITATION SECTION (AIP FAL) IS BEING APPLIED TO
PRIVATE NON-COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS. AIR TRAVEL CLUBS AND
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BUSINESS JET OPERATIONS ARE ROUTINELY CONSIDERED AS
PRIVATE AIRCRAFT OPERATIONS NOT FOR COMPENSATION OR
HIRE. REQUEST CONSUL CLARIFY THIS MATTER WITH THE DCA.

3. FYI - SINCE THE ABOVE WAS DRAFTED, THE DEPARTMENT
HAS LEARNED THAT BOEING 720, N8711E, OPERATED BY
AMBASSADAIR, AN AIR TRAVEL CLUB, HAS BEEN GRANTED

APPROVAL TO LAND AT 0345Z APRIL 29 AND DEPART 0800Z
MAY 2. THIS FLIGHT EXPERIENCED SIMILAR DIFFICULTY
OBTAINING APPROVAL, WHICH SUGGESTS THAT APPROVAL FOR
THE GULFSTREAM II FLIGHTS WILL ALSO EVENTUALLY BE
GRANTED. THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO LEARNED THAT THE
REASON FOR THE DIFFICULTY REGARDING THESE FLIGHTS MAY
BE DUE TO A NEW PERSON IN THE DCA HANDLING LANDING
REQUESTS BY PRIVATE AIRCRAFT OPERATORS. DEPARTMENT
HOPES THIS INFORMATION WILL BE HELPFUL WHEN CONGEN
EXPLORES PROBLEM IDENTIFIED IN PARA 1 AND 2.
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